Programmes to train NIRD trainers in skills in rural areas

3693. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Institute of Rural Development is involved in programme to train trainers who will train one crore people and impart them skills in rural areas;

(b) if so, how many such trainers the NIRD giving training to;

(c) what are the skills which will finally be given to the targeted one crore people in rural areas;

(d) what will be the cost of this project of NIRD;

(e) what happened to the earlier trainers who received such training at NIRD; and

(f) the details of the results of any training imparted earlier by NIRD?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (f) Do not arise.

Proposals for electrification of villages

3694. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Maharashtra have submitted village electrification project proposals for 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07;

(b) if so, the number of villages and habitations covered thereby, the population covered thereby, the total power load required therefor, the estimated cost thereof and the Central aid required to finance the same; and

(c) the Central Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) A new scheme "Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana Scheme for Rural Electricity Infrastructure and Household Electrification" has been launched on 11th April, 2005 for the attainment of the National Common Minimum Programme of providing access to electricity to all rural households in five years.